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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN REFUGEES: FAMILY REUNIFICATION ON URGENT HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS

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- 1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL, EMBASSY OFFICER INTERVIEWED ANG LE CHUYEN AND BROTHER ANG LIANG DECEMBER 11. RESULTS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.
- 2. SUBJECT ANG LE CHUYEN IS ETHNIC CHINESE (SPEAKING CHINESE) WITHOUT DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF NATIONALITY OR RELATION-SHIP WITH ALLEGED U.S. RELATIVE. SHE WOULD THEREFORE, APPEAR TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE. SHE DOES HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH PURPORTEDLY SHOWING HER AND HER HUSBAND IN KOMPONG SPEU, CAMBODIA IN 1968. THE PERSONS IN THE PHOTO, WHICH WAS INSPECTED BY THE INTERVIEWING OFFICER DO BEAR RESOMBLANCE TO ANG LE CHUYEN AND OTHER PHOTOS ALLEGEDLY OF HUA LY WHICH ANG LE CHUYEN PRESENTED.
- 3. ANG LE CHUYEN CLAIMS SHE WAS BORN IN PHNOM PENH AND RESIDED IN CAMBODIA ALL HER LIFE UNTIL HER FLIGHT INTO THAILAND THIS YEAR.
- 4. ESCAPE FROM CAMBODIA: SHE, HER HUSBAND HUA LY AND TWO CHILDREN, HUA EA, AGE 5 AND HUA HENG, AGE 4 AND A DISTANT UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIVE, ANG MENG (SINCE DEPARTED FOR FRANCE) FLED PHNOM

PENH TO BATTAMBANG, CAMBODIA IN APRIL. AT THAT POINT, HUA LY PROCEEDED TO POIPET (A CAMBODIAN BORDER TOWN) WITH HUA EA IN ORDER TO COLLECT MONEY FROM A FRIEND THERE. ANG LE CHUYEN, ANG MENG AND HUA HENG PROCEEDED INSTEAD TO PAILIN (ANOTHER CAMBODIAN BORDER TOWN SOUTH OF POIPET); HUA LY WAS TO JOIN THEM IN PAILIN WITHIN TWO WEEKS. HOWEVER, CAMBODIA FELL IN THE MEANTIME. ANG LE CHUYEN, ANG MENG AND HUA HENG WERE CAPTURED BY THE KHMER ROUGES AND SENT TO THE RICE FIELDS. IN JULY, A THAI HIRED BY HER HUSBAND (WHO HAD ESCAPED WITH HUA EA FROM POIPET TO THE ADJACENT TOWN OF ARANYAPRATHET, THAILAND) RESCUED HER AND TOOK THE THREE TO TO THAILAND, WHERE THEY WERE REUNITED WITH HUA LY AND HUA EA.

- 5. EMBASSY DOES NOT RECALL HAVING ADVISED HUA LY THAT HIS WIFE AND CHILD COULD FOLLOW HIM TO THE U.S.; TO THE CONTRARY, WE HAVE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED FAMILIES TO TRAVEL TOGETHER IN ORDER TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES SUCH AS THE CLOSURE OF THE PAROLE PROGRAM.
- 6. ANG LIANG, 16 YEAR OLD ALLEGED BROTHER OF ANG LE CHUYEN, ESCAPED SEPARATELY TO THAILAND AND MET THE REST OF HIS FAMILY IN BANGKOK. HE SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH, UNLIKE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS FAMILY.
- 7. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO PAROLE OF ANG LE CHUYEN, HUA HENG, HUA YI (FIVE MONTH OLD BABY OF ANG LE CHUYEN) AND ANG LIANG ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, IF THE QUESTION OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER PARA 2 CAN BE FAVORABLY RESOLVED. BECAUSE OF ANG LIANGS' MINORITY, WE RECOMMEND THAT PAROLE AUTHORITY, IF GRANTED, BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE HIM. WHITEHOUSE

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